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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed foreign documents and text references are also enclosed, as well as a Search Report citing the documents.

The concise explanation of relevance for the non-English document is found in its corresponding U.S. Patent No. 6,562,453 for JP 2001/023140. A corresponding U.S. patent and patent publication are provided, respectively, for WO 99/24973 and EP 1186580.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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